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The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Judge United States Courthouse 300 Quarropas St., Room 533 White Plains, NY 10601 MEMO ENDORSED

Re:

Wang v. Mueller et al., 07 Civ. 10264 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas:

This Office represents the defendants Robert Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"); Emilio Gonzalez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"); and Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") (collectively, the "Government"), in the above-referenced case. Plaintiff Xinlin Wang, who is proceeding *pro se*, seeks to compel the Government to adjudicate her application for permanent residence.

The Government's answer or other responsive pleading is currently due on March 3, 2008. The Government respectfully requests a one-month extension of time – until April 3, 2008 – to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint. Plaintiff's application for permanent residence was approved on January 15, 2008. However, plaintiff has not yet received her permanent resident card, which would allow her to travel into and out of the United States as a lawful permanent resident. Counsel for the Government is working with the USCIS to ensure that plaintiff receives a permanent resident card. In addition, counsel for the Government is attempting to schedule an appointment for plaintiff to meet with USCIS personnel to obtain a passport stamp, which will allow her to travel freely while her permanent resident card is being processed. Plaintiff has stated to counsel for the Government that she will dismiss the complaint once she receives a passport stamp allowing her to travel.

This is the Government's second request for an extension. The Court previously granted the Government a one-month extension. Plaintiff consents to this request. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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April 3,2006 its time to answer or otherwise
repend to the complaint is scanded.